

OHCC Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 10, 2023

1. Approved December minutes.
2. **Select Board** – *Lauren Swartzbaugh* apprised the group on the plans to cleanup the yacht debris on the beach near Harborside Terrace. Several members plan to participate in the cleanup effort.
3. **Treasurers Report** – *Robin White* reviewed the commission’s account status.
4. **Website** - *Stuart Rich* reported 150 web page hits. **Please review the CC web pages and be prepared to discuss any updates during our next meeting.**
5. **February Meeting Moderator** – *Stuart Rich* will moderate next month’s meeting.
6. **Maine Council of Governments – Sustainability and Resilience Project** – Moved to February meeting.
7. Mailing list sharing with **GRLT** - *Lauren Swartzbaugh* will follow up with *Kathryn DerMarderosian* to see where this stands.
8. **Plaisted Pumpkin Walk 2022** - *Lauren Swartzbaugh* will send thank you notes to the businesses and individuals who supported the event. *Beth Long* indicated that she has already sent notes to Beth’s Market and the participating grocery stores.
9. **2023 Activities** – The group decided that the CC should focus its efforts on the listed activities below.

| Date | Activity |
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| January | Monthly Meeting 1/10 Beach Cleanup 1/11 |
| February | Plaisted Workday 2/11 Monthly Meeting 2/14 |
| March | Monthly Meeting 3/14 |
| April | Monthly Meeting 4/11 Earth Day 4/22 (Saturday) ==> Roadside Cleanup TBD RSU 13 April Vacation 17-21 |
| May | Monthly Meeting 5/9 Plaisted Celebration Event TBD |
| June | Monthly Meeting 6/13 Prepare Annual Budget TBD Prepare OHCC Statement for OH Annual Report TBD Garden Talk TBD |

| | Target Completion Date for Plaisted Plan |
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| July | No Monthly Meeting Ice Cream Social Planning Meeting TBD |
| August | No Monthly Meeting Ice Cream Social Planning Meeting TBD Ice Cream Social TBD OHCC Table at OH Town Meeting TBD |
| September | Monthly Meeting 9/12 Plaisted Workday TBD Send Annual Report to Land for Maine's Future 9/30 |
| October | Monthly Meeting 10/10 Plaisted Pumpkin Walk – Setup TBD Plaisted Pumpkin Walk – TBD Plaisted Pumpkin Walk – Cleanup TBD |
| November | Monthly Meeting 11/14 |
| December | Monthly Meeting 12/12 |

TBD indicates that a final date needs to be chosen.

The group also discussed several ideas suggested by *Beth Long*. These included installation of nesting boxes at Harbor Park and a fund raising lottery with an outdoor adventure prize.

10. **Plaisted** – The group decided that future Plaisted work should concentrate on projects that enhance sustainability and maintainability while preserving the existing character of the space.

Lauren Swartzbaugh will investigate the design and cost of a trail plan to protect tree roots and improve wet area travel. Additional objectives for this plan include lowering maintenance effort, improving safety, and reduction of long term costs.

Beth Long will work with **GRLT** to develop an analogous estimate based upon their expertise.

11. The following ideas were also discussed.

- Establishment of a 3K\$ annual maintenance budget.
- Place an additional log at the beach.
- Erect signage regarding beach access.
- Investigate improvements to the overlook section of the trail to reduce pressure on the waterfront area.

Attendees

Jim Devery

Stuart Rich

Robin White

Beth Long

Lauren Swartzbaugh

Catherine Wiejaczka

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 14 at 6:00 PM at the OH Library